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OPENING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing; New songs thro'out the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod. Ascendeth to the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2 The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand; Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with His followers they see Jesus' resplendent majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 3 To whom the angels, drawing nigh, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky? Alleluia! Alleluia!
This is the Savior," thus they say; "This is His noble triumph-day."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 4 "Again shall ye behold Him so As ye today have seen Him go. Alleluia! Alleluia!
In glorious pomp ascending high Up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

- 5 Oh, grant us thitherward to tend And with unwearied hearts ascend, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Unto Thy kingdom's throne, where Thou, As is our faith, art seated now.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 6 Be Thou our Joy and strong Defense, Who art our future Recompense: Alleluia! Alleluia!
So shall the light that springs from Thee Be ours through all eternity.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 7 O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to Thee let earth accord, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Who art, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit One.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The sign of the cross † may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P: I said, I will confess my transgression unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

C: Amen.

INTROIT

P: I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will make music.

C: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

P: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

C: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

P: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

GLORIA PATRI

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C:  **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE — *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

C:  **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS — *Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**C: ♪ Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: And with thy spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

ALL: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading for the Seventh Sunday of Easter is from Acts, chapter one.

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it';and "'Let another take his office.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us--one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Acts 1:12-26

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

P: Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,
C: **He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.**
adapt from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

ALL: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.
Romans 6:9; John 14:18

The Epistle is from First Peter, chapters four and five.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE TRIPLE ALLELUIA

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P: In honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

John 17:1-11

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Having been baptized into Christ and clothed in His righteousness, we confess the faith we have in Him in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to Judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

#756

- 1 Why should cross and trial grieve me?
Christ is near With his cheer; Never will he leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven
That God's Son For me won When his life was given?**
- 2 When life's troubles rise to meet me,
Though their weight May be great, They will not defeat me.
God, my loving Savior, sees them;
He who knows All my woes Knows how best to end them.**
- 3 God gives me my days of gladness,
And I will Trust Him still When He sends me sadness.
God is good; His love attends me
Day by day, Come what may, Guides me and defends me.**

- 4 From God's joy can nothing sever,
For I am, His dear Lamb, He, my Shepherd ever.
I am His because He gave me
His own blood For my good, By His death to save me**
- 5 Now in Christ, death cannot slay me,
Though it might, Day and Night, Trouble and dismay me.
Christ has made my death a portal
From the strife Of this life To His joy immortal!**

SERMON

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Fight the Good Fight

#664

- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.**
- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.**
- 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see That Christ is all eternally.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Ascended Lord, hear the prayers of Your people and grant our supplication.

P: That the Lord may grant us all things in Christ so we may be sustained in trial, strengthened in weakness and delivered from trouble, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That the Church of Christ may flourish and the good news of Christ crucified, risen and ascended would be proclaimed to all the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That the Lord may richly supply us with faithful pastors who will preach Your Word in season and out; and that we may hear, believe and live out this Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That the nations of the earth may seek peace; and that the leaders of our country may pursue justice, righteousness and peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That the pandemic may come to an end, and that livelihood and common life may resume, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That all who are afflicted may be strengthened in illness and comforted in adversity, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That the faithful may not fret what we do not know but rejoice in Christ, our Savior, and live in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That the Lord may grant us joyful hearts and peace at the last, knowing that neither death nor life, nor any powers, can separate us from the love of God in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That we may be as generous in our tithes and offerings as the Lord is in giving us His gifts, and that we may support the poor and those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That we may know the Lord's presence in the means of His grace, hearing His Word, receiving His absolution and feasting at His table with faith and joy in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That we may remember the saints of old, who contended for the Lord in their own day; and that we may join them at last in the marriage feast of the Lamb without end, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: All these things and whatever else we need, we ask You to grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C: Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN

O Savior, Precious Savior

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- 1 O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;
O Name of might and favor, All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.**
- 2 O bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee, and confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.**
- 3 In Thee all fulness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.**
- 4 O grant the consummation Of this our song above
In endless adoration And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee, Our Savior and our King!**

SILENT PRAYER

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.